

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A trailer docking assistance device comprising:
an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member sized to reversibly attach said marker member to a mounting member attached to a vehicle.
2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said marker member is comprised of fiberglass.
3. (original) A trailer docking assistance device comprising:
an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member sized to reversibly attach said marker member to the bottom of a bed of a trailer.
4. (original) The device of claim 3 wherein said marker member is comprised of fiberglass.
5. (withdrawn) A trailer docking assistance device comprising:
an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member sized to reversibly attach said marker member to the bottom of a bed of a vehicle.
6. (withdrawn) The device of claim 5 wherein said marker member is comprised of fiberglass.
7. (withdrawn) A method to facilitate docking a trailer to a vehicle comprising:
 - (a) placing an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member substantially adjacent to a hitch ball on said mounting member; and
 - (b) viewing said marker member from the vehicle as the vehicle is docked with said trailer.
8. (withdrawn) A method to facilitate maneuvering a trailer coupled to a vehicle comprising:
 - (a) placing an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member to a metal portion of a trailer;
 - (b) viewing said marker member from the vehicle while maneuvering the trailer coupled to the vehicle.
9. (withdrawn) A trailer hitch step assembly comprising:

(a) trailer hitch comprising mounting plate adapted to be received and secured to a bumper, a base member having a top and bottom surface, and two sided surface attached to said mounting plate and forming a base for a hitch ball wherein said hitch ball is lower than said bumper; and

(b) a plate fixedly attached to said bottom surface of said base member having a plurality of flanges projecting substantially perpendicularly to said side surface of said base member to form a plurality of foot steps.

10. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 7 wherein said plate is fixedly attached to said base plate by a bolt in a hole within said base plate and hitchball.

11. (withdrawn) The assembly of claim 7 wherein said plate includes a plurality of holes configured to receive safety chains.

12. (withdrawn) A trailer assistance system to facilitate the use of a vehicle attached to a trailer comprising:

(a) a trailer hitch comprising a mounting plate adapted to be received and secured to a bumper, a base member having a top and bottom surface, and a two sided surface attached to said mounting plate and forming a base for a hitch ball wherein said hitch ball is substantially lower than said bumper; and a plate fixedly attached to said bottom surface of said base member having a plurality of flanges projecting substantially perpendicularly to said side surface of said base member to form a plurality of foot steps; and

(b) an inflexible, fixed marker member permanently secured to a magnetic mounting member sized to reversibly attach to a magnetic portion of said trailer positioned to facilitate maneuvering of the vehicle.

13. (withdrawn) The system of claim 10 wherein said marker member is fiber glass.